

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Louisiana Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Commission on Civil Rights

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Louisiana Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

270

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/28/2019

6. Expected Renewal Date

01/28/2021

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

42 U.S.C. 1975

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Pending

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 1975

13. Effective Date

09/09/1957

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report Date

08/15/2018

Report Title

Barriers to Voting in Louisiana

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 12 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 12

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
SAC Planning and discussion of topics	10/04/2017	10/04/2017
To continue work toward the upcoming hearing(s).	10/10/2017	10/10/2017
To continue work toward the upcoming hearing.	11/07/2017	11/07/2017
To hear testimony regarding examination of barriers to voting in the state of Louisiana at Grambling State University.	11/15/2017	11/15/2017
To finalize the agenda and make decisions on the panelists to invite to the December 6th meeting in Baton Rouge.	11/28/2017	11/28/2017
SAC meeting in Baton Rouge for Civil Rights and Voting in Louisiana.	12/06/2017	12/06/2017
SAC to discuss transcript of meeting in Baton Rouge.	03/16/2018	03/16/2018
Discuss the topics from the testimony gathered at the hearings, discuss how they will shape out in the memo and begin discussion on possible recommendations.	04/23/2018	04/23/2018
Continue discussion from testimony gathered at the hearings, discuss how to shape out in memo.	05/11/2018	05/11/2018
SAC will continue to discuss information gathered to shape the Louisiana report.	05/18/2018	05/18/2018
SAC will discuss and finalize all changes and additions for submission of report to Washington.	05/25/2018	05/25/2018
SAC continuing to revise and complete final report for submission to Washington.	06/01/2018	06/01/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 12

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$7,500.00	\$12,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$181.98	\$1,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$3,942.03	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$7,039.48	\$5,000.00
18d. Total	\$18,663.49	\$20,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.20

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The committee accomplishes its purpose through information-gathering activities to include fact-finding activity, public hearings, briefings, and the solicitation of a broad cross section of viewpoints about civil rights issues in its state and then reports on its findings and recommendations.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Consideration is given to a cross-section of those directly affected, interested, and qualified as appropriate to the nature and functions of the committee. No person is denied an opportunity to serve because of race, age, sex, religion, national origin, or disability. Members include individuals with a demonstrated interest in the civil rights issues of color, race, religion, gender, age, disability, national origin, and voting rights. Membership is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed, and both major political parties are represented.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Depending upon resources state advisory committees are encouraged to meet at least two times each year and more often, if possible.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Congress has directed the Commission to establish at least one committee in each state and the District of Columbia. The committees compose a unique network of diverse citizens who enable the Commission to carry out its advisory purpose.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

No meetings were closed or partially closed.

21. Remarks

Costs attributed to this Committee are the Commission's share of allocated costs for all Committee activity.

Designated Federal Officer

David Barreras Civil Rights Analyst, Regional Programs Unit, USCCR

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Armstrong, Andrea	03/17/2017	03/16/2021	Associate Professor of Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Baehr, James	03/17/2017	11/07/2017	Assistant U.S. Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Black, Yakima	03/17/2017	03/16/2021	President & CEO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Boudreaux, Randy	03/17/2017	03/16/2021	Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Esman, Marjorie	03/17/2017	03/16/2021	Executive Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fowler III, George	03/17/2017	03/16/2021	Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Garda, Robert	03/17/2017	03/16/2021	Professor of Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hurtado, Enrique	03/17/2017	03/16/2021	Senior vice President	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lancaster, Robert	03/17/2017	03/16/2021	Singletary Professor & Director of Clinical Legal Education	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Matambanadzo, Sarudzayi	03/17/2017	03/16/2021	Associate Professor of Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mocan, Naci	03/17/2017	03/16/2021	Ourso Distinguished Chair of Economics	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nguyen, Cyndi	03/17/2017	03/16/2021	Executive Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Scott, Robert	03/17/2017	03/16/2021	President, PAR Louisiana	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Womack, Gina	03/17/2017	03/16/2021	Executive Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 14

Narrative Description

The committee supports the agency's mission and strategic plan by advising the agency about civil rights matters within the state that are within the agency's jurisdiction to review.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety

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Trust in government

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Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The committee promotes public awareness of current civil rights issues, including protections and enforcement of federal, state, and local civil rights laws.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Through the network of volunteer members to Advisory Committees, the Commission saves money by not having to contract for the services these members provide.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

32

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee's advisory function to the agency is satisfied when it engages in activities related to state-based civil rights matters and issues a report to the agency for review and publication. The number of recommendations recorded are from 1993 and include recommendations made to the agency as well as recommendations through the agency to all other entities via the various reports published by the Advisory Committee.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

72%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Committee's advisory function to the agency is fully implemented when it reports its findings and recommendations to the Commission in writing or orally, and the Commission forwards those recommendations to the specific entities identified in the recommendation. The Commission, as solely a study agency, has no authority to implement most of the recommendations made by its Advisory Committees.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

72%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Commissioners provide direct feedback to the Committee when the committee reports are presented at Commission meetings. Commissioners are provided the opportunity to question the Committee Chair on the recommendations and provide direct feedback.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

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Action Comments

The agency provides direct feedback to the Committee when the committee reports are presented at Commission meetings.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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Access Comments

NA